

REMARKS

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 1, 2005 in which Claims 18-37, 39, 42 and 43 were allowed; in which Claims 2, 3, 8, 10-16, 40 and 41 were objected to; in which Claims 1, 4-7, 9 and 17 were rejected. With this response, Claim 1 is amended and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Claims 1-37 and 39-43 are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

I. Rejection of Claims 10-13 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph.

Paragraph 2 of the Office Action rejected Claims 10-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. With regard to Claim 10, the Office Action asserts that the amended claim language stating that the first printed circuit assembly and the second printed circuit assembly are moved in a direction non-parallel to one another as the second connector is moved into connection with the first connector, is not supported by the original disclosure and appears to be contrary to the original disclosure. However, the Applicants respectfully note that the amended claim language of Claim 10 is supported with the written disclosure. In particular, Figures 2 and 3 clearly illustrate a first printed circuit assembly 24 and a second printed circuit assembly 34 which face one another while being moved in a direction non-parallel to one another (see arrow 94 in Figure 3) as the second connector 32 is moved into connection with the first connector 30. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 10-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 be withdrawn.

II. Rejection of Claims 1, 4-7, 9 and 17 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as Being Anticipated or Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as Being Unpatentable Over Sevier.

Paragraph 5 of the Office Action rejected Claims 1, 4-7, 9 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sevier, U.S. Patent No. 6,381,146. With this response, entry of an amendment to Claim 1 further clarifying Claim 1 is

requested. Claim 1, as amended, overcomes the rejection based upon Sevier and places the application in condition for allowance.

Claim 1, as amended, recites an electronic system including a link extending between and connecting the first printed circuit assembly and the pivoting member while being pivotally coupled to the pivoting member about a second axis parallel to the first axis about which the pivoting member pivots relative to the chassis.

Sevier fails to disclose or suggest an electronic system having a pivoting member pivotally coupled to a chassis about a first axis and a link extending between and connecting the first printed circuit assembly and the pivoting member while the second connector is disconnected from the first connector. The link is pivotally coupled to the pivoting member about a second axis parallel to the first axis.

Sevier fails to disclose or suggest a system including a pivoting member pivotally coupled to a chassis about a first axis and a link extending between and connecting the first printed circuit assembly and the pivoting member while the second connector is disconnected from the first connector, wherein the link is further pivotally coupled to the pivoting member about a second axis parallel to the first axis. The Office Action characterizes module 110 as the “first printed circuit assembly” and its coupling portion 20 as the “second connector”. The Office Action further characterizes engagement member 230 of Sevier as the “pivoting member” and handle portion 240 as the “link”. However, handle portion 240 (characterized as the “link”) does not extend between and connect module 110 (characterized as the “first printed circuit assembly”) and engagement member 230 (characterized as the “pivoting member”) while coupling portion 20 (characterized as the “second connector”) is disconnected from coupling portion 21 (characterized as the “first connector”). As clearly shown in Figure 8 of Sevier, for handle portion 240 to be received within locking chamber 244, engagement portion 230 must be in the position shown such that coupling portions 20 and 21 are connected. To disconnect coupling portions 20, 21 from one another, engagement portion 230 must be pivoted to a position as shown in Figure 9. For engagement portion 230 to pivot to the

position shown in Figure 9, handle portion 240 must be removed from locking chamber 244. Thus, Sevier fails to disclose a link extending between and connecting a first printed circuit assembly and a pivoting member while the second connector is disconnected from the first connector. Accordingly, Claim 1, as amended, overcomes the rejection based upon Sevier. Claims 4-7, 9 and 17 depend from Claim 1 and overcome the rejection for the same reasons.

III. Conclusion.

After amending the claims as set forth above, Claims 1-37 and 39-43 are now pending in this application.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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